

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)
Stephen GOLD)
Application Number: To be Assigned)
Filed Concurrently Herewith)
For: MANAGING DISK DRIVE REPLACEMENTS ON)
MULTIDISK HEADLESS APPLIANCES)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the below claims as follows:

11. (Amended.) The method as claimed in claim 6, further comprising the step of generating a unique digital disk signature; and

writing said unique digital disk signature to said first data storage device and said second data storage device.

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the claims in order to remove the multiple dependencies contained therein and thereby reduce the basic filing fee. For the convenience of the